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# The Elba Clipper

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## Elba BOE approves new policy on vaping

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the August board of education meeting for Elba City Schools, acting superintendent Ted Watson asked board members to approve a new policy on vaping.

"Not only is vaping detrimental to the health of our kids, but it is just as bad of an issue for officials as smoking," Watson said. "I am asking you to adopt a policy for the discipline of students caught vaping."

The superintendent said, if approved, this would allow the offense to be handled by the School Resource Officer [SRO] and the court system rather than the administration of the school. Elba's SRO is Deputy Dale England, and he was present for the board meeting along with another SRO from the county, Deputy Stacey Austin.

"This is something we started in the county school system a few years ago," Deputy Austin said as he addressed board members on the issue.

Basically, Austin said the code the county follows says anyone under the age of 21 possessing tobacco can be issued a citation. He said vapes fall under the code for alternate devices that can be used.

Deputy Austin said any student caught vaping on school property would be issued a citation and would be given a court date for that citation. He said these are handled through the Coffee County District Court with Judge Joshua Wilson hearing the cases.

According to Deputy Austin the fine can range from \$10 - \$50 for vaping

offenses. Also, he said the citation requires parents to be notified of the issued citation.

"I have told Deputy England that what I generally do is make a copy of the citation and when the parent comes to pick up the student from school, I hand them a copy of that citation," Austin said. "I am there to answer any questions, and I advise them of the court date that has been set."

Austin said this policy on vaping had helped to cut down tremendously on vaping issues at the county schools since it was implemented a few years ago.

Watson asked board members to adopt the new policy making it effective immediately. It was unanimously approved by board members.



**LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSONNEL RESPONDED** Wednesday morning, Aug. 28, just after 10 a.m. to the scene of a 3-vehicle wreck at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and Alabama Highway 125 (Smith Avenue) in Elba. As shown above, one person was airlifted from the scene by Enterprise Rescue's air unit due to injuries. Reportedly, the accident occurred when a vehicle traveling east on U.S. Hwy 84 attempted to make a turn onto Smith Avenue while another vehicle was traveling west on U.S. Hwy. 84. The vehicle attempting to make the turn collided with the vehicle traveling west, and that vehicle then hit another vehicle that was stopped at the stop sign on Smith Avenue at the intersection. It was the driver of the vehicle attempting to make the turn that was airlifted from the scene.

## ADPH seeks proposals from youth-serving organizations to protect youth from nicotine initiation and secondhand smoke

The Alabama Department of Public Health is currently accepting proposals to collaborate with qualified organizations in Alabama to affect social norm changes around tobacco use and protect youth from nicotine initiation and exposure to secondhand smoke.

The program anticipates awarding up to nine grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The required scope of work will include promoting community environments that protect elementary, middle, and high school-aged children from exposure to secondhand smoke; educating students on the dangers of vaping and deceptive marketing tactics; and promoting cessation among youth.

Eligible applicants include governmental agencies and not-for-profit organizations.

Organizations are invited to submit proposals for consideration by September 16, 2024. The request for proposals can be viewed at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/tobacco/assets/youth-tobacco-rfp-2024-2025.pdf>

## Elba High School Alumni Association planning Sept. 14th breakfast meeting for all alumni and friends

Elba's Homecoming 2024 is just a week away, and the Elba High School Alumni Association invites all alumni and friends of alumni to come to a special meeting Saturday morning, Sept. 14, at the Elba Country Club.

"We are hosting a Saturday breakfast meeting this year for homecoming for our alumni and all friends of Elba City Schools," said Elba High School Alumni Association president Linda Hodge. "This will be a great opportunity for alumni and those who support the school system to hear the many things the alumni association does to support Elba City Schools while enjoying breakfast prepared by Elba Country Club chef Anthony Shiffer."

Gathering time for the meeting will be 8:30 a.m., breakfast will begin at 9 a.m., and Hodge said the meeting should be over by 10 a.m.

"We know Homecoming is a busy time for everyone, but our meeting is a great opportunity for alumni and friends to catch-up and reminisce while also supporting our cause," Hodge said.

The alumni association uses funds from membership fees and fund raisers to help provide scholarships each year to graduating seniors from Elba High School and to help see to the needs of Elba City Schools as they arise.

"I recently looked back over the scholarships we have provided since the

alumni association started and the projects we have helped fund," Hodge said. "It was amazing to see in black and white all that has been accomplished in less than 10 years! I think those who attend this year's breakfast meeting on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> will be in awe too."

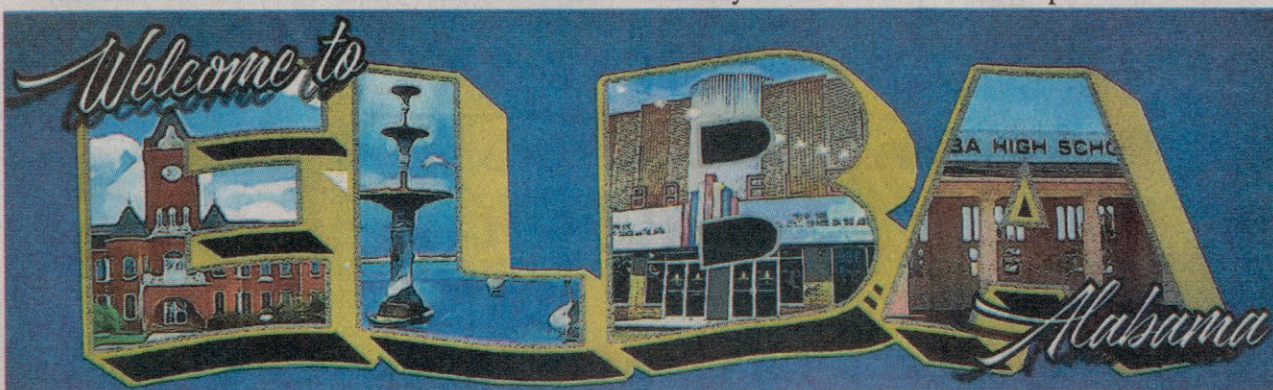
According to Hodge, the Elba High School Alumni Association membership fee is only \$20 per year, and those who join annually help make all this possible. She added that membership is not just limited to alumni...friends of Elba alumni also are welcome to join.

"The alumni association officers work well together to utilize our funds the best we possibly can supporting our students and schools," Hodge said. "Anyone who donates that \$20 for the membership fee is part of each and every thing we are able to accomplish for Elba City Schools!"

Again, the alumni association meeting will be Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Elba County Club beginning at 8:30 a.m. The country club is located at 1477 Country Club Way in Elba.

"Please make plans to join us on the 14<sup>th</sup>," Hodge said. "It should be an informative meeting, and the breakfast is sure to be great!"

The cost to eat is \$12 per person, but not required to attend the meeting.



**ELBA'S GETTING A NEW MURAL...**During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, Aug. 26, council members gave approval for Restoration 154 to proceed with a project to have a mural painted on the levee gate at the Pea River Bridge on Davis Street. Laurie Chapman, representing Restoration 154, was at the meeting and showed council members a rendering (pictured above) on what the artist had come up with for the side of the levee gate coming into downtown Elba [traveling west on Davis Street]. She said the mural project had been broken into two phases to accommodate funding, and the "welcome" part coming into Elba would be painted first. With the council's approval, Chapman said the artist would begin work this week. She said with the roadway currently closed due to another issue, that would potentially allow work on the mural painting to move more quickly. Council members gave the go-ahead approval as requested.

### News Brief:

New Brockton Police arrested a 19-year-old teen Wednesday, Aug. 28, for allegedly discharging a firearm into an occupied building.

Jamel Antonio Robbins, age 19, was arrested on the charge. As of press time this week, he remained in the Coffee County Jail with a \$150,000 bond set for discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling/building charge.



**LOCAL OPTOMETRIST SPEAKS TO ELBA LIONS CLUB MEMBERS...**The Elba Lions Club met Tuesday, Aug. 27, and were honored to welcome guest speaker Dr. Andrew Carter, Primary Eye Care of Elba. Dr. Carter provided pertinent information regarding preventative eye care. He also stated the importance of eye examination to detect and treat signs of cataracts, glaucoma and other eye conditions/diseases. Dr. Carter is pictured above with several Elba Lions Club members.

## Area Happenings

**The Elba Elementary School PTO** will meet Thursday, Sept. 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the school. **The Elba High School PTO** also will meet Thursday night, at 6:30 p.m.

**The Evergreen Cemetery Board** will meet Thursday, Sept. 5, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall. These meetings are open to the public.

**Elba City Schools will hold two Annual Budget Hearings** Tuesday, September 10. The budget will be presented at 12:00 noon at the Special Called Board Meeting. The Board will meet at 5:30 pm at the regular monthly meeting and will vote on the budget for the 2024-2025 school year. Public is invited to attend both of these Budget Hearings.

**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE HOMECOMING** Friday, Sept. 13th. The theme is "Let's Get Ready to Rumble!" There will be a Pep Rally/Bonfire Thursday evening [Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>] at 6:30 p.m. on the school campus. The Homecoming Queen Coronation will be held Friday morning at 9 followed by a pep rally in the Elba High School stadium. Visitors for the coronation and pep rally will need to sit on the visitor's side of the stadium. EHS will honor the Class of 1994 with a tea Friday at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Science Department. The parade line up will begin at 1:30 with the parade promptly beginning at 3. Parade entries may be entered by contacting Elba High School at 897-2266 OR going online to the Elba High School Facebook Page and completing the online form (preferred). The Homecoming Court will be presented Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by the football game with Kinston at 7 p.m.



EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2024, through Monday, Sept. 2, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center—

**Tuesday, Aug. 27** – Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 (8:22 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (12:46 p.m.); Grass fire reported at 610 N Troy Hwy (12:52 p.m.); Grass fire reported at 750 Herman Driggers Dr (1:35 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at Morrow Ave and Sunset Blvd (4:36 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 721 Claxton Ave N (6:29 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation and one written warning.

**Wednesday, Aug. 28** – Reckless driver reported at Hwy 125 and Cty Rd 221 (9:31 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 125 intersection (10:17 a.m.);

Theft of property reported at 19780 Hwy 87 (5:19 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1222 Hickman Ave (11:13 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, and two citations.

**Thursday, Aug. 29** – Theft of property reported at 1232 Ann St (8:51 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1044 Morrow Ave (10:33 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1581 Highland Dr (1:25 p.m.); Intoxicated driver reported on Taylor Mill Rd (2:35 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 (9:20 p.m.). Nineteen traffic stops resulted in six citations, 12 written warnings, and one verbal warning.

**Friday, Aug. 30** – Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 (1:22 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 716 Williams Ave (4:57 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Williams St (8:17 p.m.). Eleven traffic stops resulted in five citations, three written warnings, and three verbal warnings.

**Saturday, Aug. 31** – Animal complaint reported at 1107 Martin Luther King Dr – w/verbal warning issued (3:08 p.m.); Animal bites reported at 517 Williams St (5:30 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1404 Reese Ave (7:55 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 617 Mullins Circle (10:59 p.m.). No traffic stops on this date.

**Sunday, Sept. 1** – Suspicious vehicle report-

ed at 804 Hwy 203 (2:35 a.m.); Shoplifting reported at 839 Troy Hwy (9:34 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 615 Jackson Ave (9:01 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (9:06 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 315 Taylor Ave (9:08 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, and four citations.

**Monday, Sept. 2** – Intoxicated driver reported on Hwy 189 (2:53 p.m.). Forty traffic stops resulted in eight verbal warnings, 16 written warnings, 15 citations, and one arrest.



**ELBA CHAMBER HONORS BUSINESS MONTHLY**...Weeks Tire, located at 1883 Hickman Avenue, Elba, was the Elba Chamber of Commerce “Business of the Month” for the month of August. Above, store management and employees pictured with the business of the month sign that was displayed at the business for the entire month.

Windy Thoughts  
with Linda Hodge, Editor

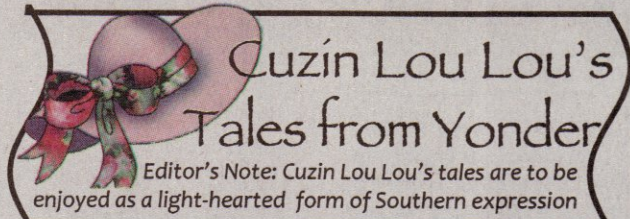
If you noticed the traffic stops report from the above Elba Police Report for Labor Day [Monday, Sept. 2], you saw that Elba patrol officers made 40 traffic stops that day. It has been a long time since we have seen the local officers make that many traffic stops in one day! If we were asked to guess, we would go with the majority of those traffic stops being on folks headed home from the beach after enjoying the long holiday weekend. There were 24 written and verbal warnings given on the day, but 15 drivers found themselves the recipient of a paying citations...and one person received a trip to the local jail. We bet the ones that got the warnings give off a sigh of relief while the others wish they had done better to avoid the trouble earned. It is never fun to get stopped by the police, but we are glad we have officers in place to do the job! They are helping to ensure traveling safety through Elba is good. Our advice to those that did get stopped...obey the speed limit next time and you will be just fine!!

We too have been stopped for speeding once or twice in our driving days by a police officer. We were not happy about it, but we acknowledged our wrong-doing. Not saying we won't ever get stopped again, but we do try to keep our driving speed within the appropriate range as much as possible. Although, we often will be enjoying the ride only to look down and see our foot has gotten a bit too heavy on that gas pedal. When this happens we try to slow down as quickly as possible and say thank goodness we didn't meet the police before we realized what we were doing!

We still are not happy to see the old Burger King lot in downtown Elba in its current mess, but we won't say too much again this week. All we can do is hope someone will take care of that sooner rather than later and send a reminder that there are ways to see it gets done.

Mayor Tom Maddox made mention during a recent Elba City Council meeting that city, county and state folks had met to again discuss the Coffee County Lake. According to the mayor, there is a good bit of work that needs to take place at the lake before it can be reopened, but he said it will happen. If the mayor's predictions are on track, those who enjoy fishing at the Coffee County Lake may just be able to do that again next Spring! Let's hope he is correct. We sure hate to see such a beautiful lake facility go to waste. There is great potential there, and it sounds like those involved now are hoping to take advantage of that potential to make the Coffee County Lake the best it can be for all.

The Zion Chapel Rebels have won there first two ballgames of the 2024 football season. That is something the Rebels have not been able to do since the 2011 season. Those folks have something to be proud of already this season, and maybe more wins will come their way as the season continues.



Sister seems to enjoy reminding Cuzin Lou Lou more and more these days that she “isn't a Spring Chicken anymore” meaning her younger days are now behind her. On the other hand, Lou Lou refuses to admit she isn't as young as she once was when it comes to doing what she wants, when she wants... and still be able to operate like nothing happened the next day.

Well...Sister seemingly got a win on this one over the Labor Day weekend... but don't tell her Lou Lou admitted it!

The two snuck away for a holiday weekend getaway leaving Saturday morning and returning home Monday afternoon.

The weather was good, the company was great, and Lou Lou was expecting nothing less than a fantastic weekend. She was not wrong!

But...she pushed the limit this time on how long she could keep going before her 'ole body said “slow down, girl!”

Of course, Sister got in a nap on the drive to the getaway destination, and she went to bed much earlier than Lou Lou each night... and grabbed a quick nap each day too!

Lou Lou, on the other hand, did not want to miss any fun...so she kept going and going like the Energizer bunny! Fast forward to Monday, and everything

was seemingly going in Lou Lou's favor. That was until about an hour or so into the drive home. Sister was in the passenger seat enjoying yet another siesta when the heavy eyes hit Lou Lou!

She fought it for a bit and then decided it was time to make a pit stop to get some caffeine! This came in the form of a big 'ole cup of coffee and a chocolate candy bar.

It wasn't the best option for the hips, but it was the best way to get Lou Lou wide awake again! And, it worked...well...for a while.

After another hour or so of travel, Lou Lou suddenly felt the tiredness sneaking back up on her. She and Sister were only about 40 minutes away from home by this time.

“What in the name of Yonder,” she thought to herself! “This never happens!”

By this time, Sister was wide awake from her nap, and she too noticed the fatigue 'setting in' on Lou Lou.

“You are going to learn one day,” Sister said. “You are not as young as you once were! Your body needs more sleep!”

It does not make Lou Lou happy when Sister is correct, so, she refused to admit it. She did, however, pull over and allow Sister to drive the rest of the way home...but still will not tell Sister she is right!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!!

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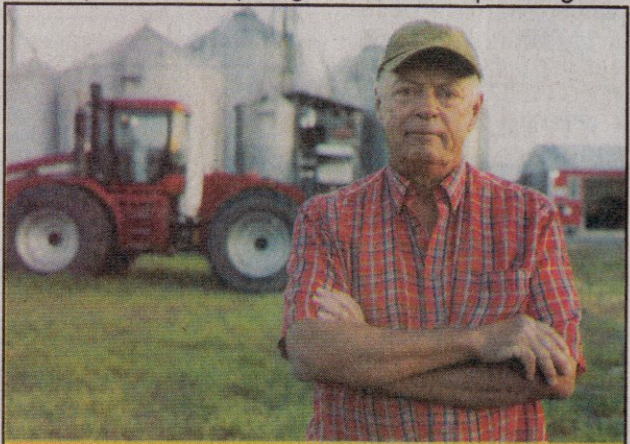
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**Scripture:** Proverbs 23: 29-30

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**September Birthdays**

Carter Cross 9/8  
Edwina H. Williams 9/9  
Jahari Tyheim Jones 9/10  
Min. A.D. (Gus) Gilford 9/10  
Brandy Caldwell 9/10  
Novella Robinson 9/11  
Amiya Alexis Hutchinson 9/12  
Linda Hooks 9/13  
Verlin Whitfield 9/13  
Michael Terrell 9/14  
Jarrel K. Smedley 9/14

**Gain and Loss**

We have some interesting ways to avoid using the word death. We use expressions such as, "He went away," "God took her," or "I lost him." Lost is a most accurate word to describe the death of a Christian. Nowadays, everyone talks about the "bottom line" and for a Christian, the bottom line concerning death is that it is a gain and never a loss. We can all accept this is in our heads, but sometimes it is hard for us to accept it in our hearts. The Apostle Paul, however, was firmly convinced that he would never lost his life. He might give his life for the cause of Christ (and we can be fairly certain he did), but he never would have wanted anyone to speak of it as a loss. For Paul, death was more like the return on an investment. He had invest-

ed his life in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, and after death, he would receive the "full benefits" from his investment. No doubt we will always speak of death as a loss, and that is alright as long as we remember the loss is on our side. We grieve, and we have every right to grieve. We have lost the companionship of one we love, but if that person was a Christian, he or she has gained the eternal companionship of God the Father and Christ the Savior. For a Christian, it is always true that "to die is to gain." -- R.C.S.

**Question / Answer Section**

**Questions for Week of 9/5/24**

Q: From which tribe of Israel was Saul?

A: Benjamin [I Samuel 9:1]

Q: From among whose sons did the Lord say He would provide Israel a king?

A: Jesse [I Samuel 16:1]

Q: What was David doing when he was summoned to appear before Samuel?

A: Watching the sheep [I Samuel 16:11]

**Saying that Makes Sense**

Trust God

**Questions for the Week of 9/12/24**

Q: During the reign of Ahaz, two kings "went up toward Jerusalem to war against it." Who were they?

Q: Who said, "I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord."

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What does the Bible say about...  
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"I am the Lord, exercising loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth" (Jeremiah 9:24).

"But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:7-8).

"Those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14).

Today we hear a lot about the need for physical exercise which is important to take care of our bodies which are the temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20). But as Paul writes in the above verses spiritual exercise is more important.


The Bible tells of the goodness and blessings that

God exercises to us, and of our spiritual exercise to know what is right and wrong.

The message on a church sign posted, "Exercise daily...Walk with God." This reminds us of the importance of physical exercise, but that spiritual exercise is more important as we spend time with God in prayer and study of His word.

Not only at 1 Timothy 4:7-8, did Paul speak of exercise but several times he writes about running the Christian race (1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Hebrews 12:1). Those of the first century to whom Paul was writing was thus familiar with the original Olympic games involving exercise. The proper exercise of both physical and spiritual will make people feel better, be happier, more healthy and prepare us for eternal life in heaven.

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When a Parent Dies: Expect to Feel a Multitude of Emotions  
The parent-child bond is perhaps the most fundamental of all human ties. When your mother or father dies, that bond is torn. In response to this loss you may feel a multitude of strong emotions.  
Numbness, confusion, fear, guilt, relief and anger are just a few of the feelings you may have. Sometimes these emotions will follow each other within a short period of time. Or they may occur simultaneously.  
While everyone has unique feelings about the death of a parent, some of the more common emotions include:  
Sadness. You probably expected to feel sad when your parent died, but you may be surprised at the overwhelming depth of your feelings of loss. It's natural to feel deeply sad. After all, someone who loved you without condition and cared for you as no one else could have is now gone. If this was your second parent to die, you may feel especially sorrowful; becoming an "adult orphan" can be a very painful transition. You may also feel sad because the loss of a parent triggers secondary losses, such as the loss of a grandparent to your children. Allow yourself to feel sad and embrace your pain.  
Relief If your parent was sick for a time before the death, you may well feel relief when he or she finally dies. This feeling may be particularly strong if you were responsible for your ill parent's care. This does not mean you did not love your parent. In fact, your relief at the end to suffering is a natural outgrowth of your love.  
Anger If you came from a dysfunctional or abusive family, you may feel unresolved anger toward your dead parent. His or her death may bring painful feelings to the surface. On the other hand, you may feel angry because a loving relationship in your life has prematurely ended. If you are angry, try to examine the source of that often legitimate anger and work to come to terms with it.  
Guilt If your relationship with your parent was rocky, distant or ambivalent, you may feel guilty when that parent dies. You may wish you had said things you wanted to say but never did or you may wish you could unsay hurtful things. You may wish you had spent more time with your parent. Guilt and regret can be normal responses to the death of your mother or father. And working through those feelings is essential to healing.  
As strange as some of these emotions may seem, they are normal and healthy. Let yourself feel whatever you may be feeling; don't judge yourself or try to repress painful thoughts and feelings. And whenever you can, find someone who will hear you out as you explore your grief.  
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**Obituaries**  
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**GERALD REX FREE** later date.  
Mr. Gerald Rex Free, age 60, a resident of Ottoville, Ohio, died Saturday, August 31, 2024. Memorial services will be held locally at a

Local arrangements are being handled by Hayes Funeral Home and Crematory of Elba, Ala.

**Community-wide Prayer Service planned for Sept. 9th in Elba, Ala.**

A Community-Wide Prayer service, coordinated by Bishop M.D. Luckett, will be held Monday, Sept. 9, at 6 p.m., at First Baptist Church of Elba.

Calling on all pastors, congregations, intercessors,

community leaders, and first responders - join in prayer over Elba and surrounding communities.

Rev. Kit Johnson, pastor of First Baptist Elba is the host pastor for this community-wide prayer service.

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN RE: The Estate of Sandra Jean Thompson, Deceased**  
**Case No.: 24-802**

**NOTICE**

TAKENOTICE, that Letters of Administration having been granted to Alfred J. Danner, as Administrator of the Estate of Sandra Jean Thompson, deceased, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY**

given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred.  
/s/ Toby L. Seay  
Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge  
8/29,9/5&12-pd.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**Enterprise Division**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DEWAYNE MORRIS, Deceased.**  
**CASE NO.: PR 2024-149**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Chris Morris, as Personal Representative of the estate of Dewayne Morris, deceased, on the 23rd day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons hav-

ing claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.  
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
8/29,9/5&12-pd.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**ENTERPRISE DIVISION**

**In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES L. MARTIN, JR., Deceased**  
**Case No.: PR-2024-151**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Leslie Martin Whitlock, Personal Representative, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.  
DONE this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.  
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge  
8/29,9/5&12-pd.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES RICKEY H A T A W A Y , DECEASED.**

**CASE NO. PC-2024-025**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Elba Division, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.  
/s/ Lejune Davis  
Lejune Davis  
8/29,9/5&12-pd.

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

**PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY**  
**CASE NO 24-805**

**ESTATE OF REBECCA FAY KETCHUM**  
**Deceased**

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Terry Holley, Personal Representative, on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.  
Terry Holley  
Personal Representative  
9/5,12&19-pd.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**Case No.: 2024-792**

**IN RE: The Estate of SHIRLEY RILEY WOODHAM, Deceased.**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary of the Estate of Shirley Riley Woodham, deceased, have been granted to Wesley Earl Woodham, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.  
/s/ Wesley Earl Woodham  
Wesley Earl Woodham  
Petitioner

Unity Law, LLC  
Preston Register, Attorney  
256 Honeysuckle Rd., Suite 15  
Dothan, Alabama 36305  
(334) 678-0100  
9/5,12&19-chg.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALBAMA**  
**ELBA DIVISION**  
**CASE NO.: PC-2024-035**

**IN RE: THE MATTER OF RANDOLPH CALDWELL, Respondent.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**To: TUNISHA THIGPEN, LORRAINE DIAZ, and other children of Randolph Caldwell**


You are hereby given notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship has been filed by Eloisa, Regidor. The 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. has been appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba Division, Alabama, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.  
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge


Coffee County, Alabama 9/5,12&19-pd.

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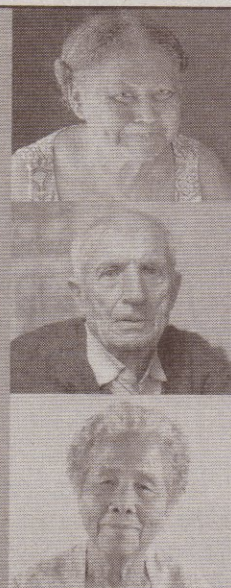
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
CA No. CV-2024-900056

**Cottonwood, LLC**  
Plaintiff,  
Vs.

**A 0.89± acre** parcel of land being a part of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ Section 24, T1N, R19E, Geneva County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the North Line of the above said SW ¼ of the SW ¼ with the west right of way line of Alabama Highway 153, said point being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the North Line of the above said SW ¼ of the SW ¼ with the west right of way line of Alabama Highway 153, said point being an existing iron rod: Thence S 28°49'15"W 180.68' along the West line of said Highway 153 to a set iron pipe: Thence N 89°25'17"W 210.00' to a set iron pipe: Thence N 28°48'38"E 201.00' to a set iron pipe on the North Line of the above said SW ¼ of SW ¼: Thence S 89°25'17"E 210.00' along said North line to the Point of Beginning.  
**Defendant.**

### NOTICE OF ACTION

**DANA EARL MITCHEM** and any and all unknown parties who may have an interest in the above property and whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Cottonwood, LLC's Petition to Quiet Title and other relief by Sept. 16, 2024, or, thereafter, a judgment and default may be rendered against them in Case Number 34-CV-2024-900056 of the Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama. DONE the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024. /s/ Ashley A Powell Clerk of Circuit Court of Geneva County

Al Danner  
Attorney for Cottonwood, LLC  
PO Box 33  
Geneva, AL 36340  
(334) 684-9816  
8/15,22,29&9/5-chg.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
Enterprise Division

**IN RE: The estate of GUY JOHNSON, Deceased.**  
CASE NO.: PR 2024-122

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to CLIFTON FLETCHER JOHNSON, as Personal Representative of the estate of Guy Johnson, deceased, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024, by the Honorable Judge of Probate. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Gary D. Bradshaw Gary D. Bradshaw (BRA074) Attorney for Petitioner P.O. Box 311412 Enterprise, AL 36331-1412 (334) 393-6439 / (334) 393-7163 fax 8/29,9/5&12-pd.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

### LEGAL NOTICE

"Notice is hereby given that Rothel Moody Contracting, Inc. has completed all work on **Drainage & Road Improvements, CDBG Project No. LR-CM-PF-22-010** for the **City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama.**" All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project

should immediately notify the above-named Contractor and Sally Bane, City Clerk, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama 36323. All claims should be filed within 30 days of the final publication of this notice.

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN RE: The Estate of RUTH SCHNELLER, Deceased.**  
Case No. 24-800

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Tammy Roberts Dowling, as Executor of the Estate of Ruth Schneller, who departed from this life on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred. Tammy Roberts Dowling, Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruth Schneller

Attorney for Estate:  
David W. Rousseau, Esq.  
Post Office Box 10  
801 W. Main Suite 4  
Hartford, AL 36344  
(334) 588-3333  
(334) 588-0046 (fax)  
8/22,29,&9/5-pd.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY ALABAMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF GERALD RICHARD SORRELLS, Deceased.**  
CASE NO.: 24-765

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Joni Antoinette Lynn, Personal Representative, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. **Joni Antoinette Lynn**  
**Personal Representative**  
8/22,29,&9/5-pd.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM LEX LAWRENCE, DECEASED**  
DOCKET NO. 24-773

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BRENDA HAMAMURA TO PROBATE THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM LEX LAWRENCE, DECEASED**

To: David Lawrence, Brenda Lawrence, Mason Oakes, Any and All Other Heirs of William Lex Lawrence

Please take notice that a Petition by Brenda Hamamura for the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of William Lex Lawrence, deceased, having been filed in the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that given that a hearing has been set for the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at the Geneva County Probate Court located at 200 N. Commerce Street, Geneva, Alabama 36340. All persons having interest in this matter must appear at said time and place if not otherwise notified.

Attorney for Petitioner:  
Benjamin S. Armstrong  
200 Grove Park Lane, Suite 670  
Dothan, AL 36305  
8/22,29,9/5&12-pd.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA**  
**IN RE THE ESTATE OF BILLY J. CARDWELL, DECEASED,**

**CYNTHIA JOHNSON C A R D W E L L , ADMINISTRATOR**  
CASE NO.: 8609

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that Jeffery D. Hatcher, Attorney at Law, by virtue of Decree entered by the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama will sell to the highest bidder the real property of the Estate of Billy J. Cardwell, deceased, described as follows:

Parcel # 18-04-20-3-016-025.000 located at 125 East Campbell Avenue, Geneva, Alabama.

The auction shall be held on-site at Geneva County Courthouse, 200 North Commerce St. at 10:00 a.m. on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2024, and payment will be required by certified funds and/or a Letter of Credit from a Financial Institution within two (2) business days. The property may be viewed at 125 East Campbell Avenue Geneva, Alabama 36340.

**E S T A T E ADMINISTRATOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.**

For more information contact: Jeffery D. Hatcher, Attorney for the Estate P.O. Box 189, Geneva, Alabama 36340 (334) 684-8524 8/29,9/5&12-pd.

### MORE LEGAL NOTICES ON PAGE 3

### LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF ELBA PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN

Notice is given that the Elba City Council will meet in public session and conduct a public hearing at 5:15 p.m. on September 9, 2024 in the Council Chambers in the Elba City Hall, located at 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama 36323, for the purpose of considering proposed changes to the City Council's voting district boundaries. A copy of the proposed ordinance and voting district map is available for public review through September 9, 2024, at the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours. Notice is further given that anyone interested in being heard on this matter may do so by attending and speaking at the scheduled public hearing or by giving written comments addressed to the City of Elba, RE: Redistricting, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36323. Written comments must be received prior to 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2024.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From  
The Pressbox  
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The recent rash of parties for Mularz family members will draw to a close this weekend when we all come together to help our grandson Lawson celebrate his 14th birthday. Lawson spent the first couple of months of his life in Children’s Hospital, in Birmingham, but once he got out it was full speed ahead and now he turning fourteen. We are truly blessed and pray every day that he will continue to grow as a Christian and a very special young man. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *There is an old saying* that when you find yourself a\*\* deep in alligators it is too late to drain the swamp. The Elba Tigers never really thought about draining the swamp last Friday night, but were surrounded by gators throughout the game and never found their way out in a lopsided 49-22 home field loss that snapped their 28-game regular season winning streak. I told my radio partner before the game started that after watching Glenwood warm up Elba could be in trouble, and that proved to be an understatement as the former private school power simply did whatever it wanted and was without a doubt the best team on the field. While the four-touchdown loss hurt the players and coaches, it will hopefully be a lesson learned for the team that on any given night any team can come out on top, and that every opponent all season long will play its best when it faces the Tigers. Hey, Elba did try to battle back in the second half and scored three touchdowns to stay within shouting distance. However, the defense was simply overwhelmed and never even slowed down the Glenwood offensive attack. To put it mildly, the Tigers simply got whipped! I know the Rocky movies didn’t win any awards, but they did include some sayings that I think are important to everyone, especially in sports, and one of my favorites is, “It ain’t about how hard you can hit, it’s about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. How much you can take and keep moving forward. That’s how winning is done.” I urge the Tigers to adopt that mentality and start a new streak that will lead to bigger and better things as the season rolls along.

\*\*\* *It was a so-so week or teams in the area* as Zion Chapel and Brantley claimed wins and New Brockton and Kinston suffered losses.

\*\* *Zion Chapel made it two wins in a row* to open the season for the first time since 2011 with an easy 36-0 win over lowly Ellwood Christian. The Rebels were expected to have no problems with their opponents from Selma and posted their biggest win in over five years as they kept on replacing bad memories with new records.

\*\* *Brantley rallied twice* from first quarter deficits to roll over Luverne 40-24 and the Bulldog fans enjoyed watching senior quarterback Jayden Parks turn in a spectacular performance as he rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns and passed for 190 yards and three touchdowns to help the Bulldogs get off to a fast start.

\*\*\* *The Kinston Bulldogs scored 62 points* and saw three different runners rush for over 100 yards, but it still wasn’t enough as they were outscored in a 72-62 road loss to Geneva County. The Bulldogs are known for having a ‘pound and ground’ offense, but they have now scored 89 points in two games and have got to believe a win can’t be far away.

\*\* *New Brockton battled until the final possession* in a spirited 40-34 road loss to Slocomb. The Gamecocks had plenty of chances to throw in the towel as they trailed throughout the game, but scored two late touchdowns and almost pulled off a miracle comeback. The dedication and desire shown by the Gamecocks has to make their fans feel good about the future of the program.

\*\*\* *The high school football season* may be only two weeks old, but there has already been more than its share of surprises all across the state. In action last week a total of twenty ranked teams fell to defeat, including a pair or teams ranked #1 and one team that has won three straight state titles. Here is a quick look back.... **Class 1A** – Top-ranked Elba got blown out at home by 3A newcomer Glenwood, while #3 Sweet Water got pounded by Thomasville 48-6. A couple of games that did catch my eye were Georgiana winning a road game at Arifton 30-14, Florala knocking off 3A Daleville 30-14 and Pleasant Home getting a 14-6 win over Fruitdale.... **Class 2A** – Top-ranked Pisgah shocked the state with a 30-22 win over three-time defending state champ Fyffe and #2 Highland Home opened some eyes with a dominating

24-0 romp over 5A Charles Henderson, while Cottonwood hammered 3A Ashford 54-6, Geneva County lit up the scoreboard for the second straight week with a 72-62 win over Kinston, and Pike Liberal Arts blanked Samson 40-0 to up its record to 2-0..... **Class 3A** – Top-ranked Fyffe was upset by 2A Pisgah 30-22, while #2 T.R. Miller clobbered Straughn 40-7 and Houston Academy disposed of Pike County 31-7.... **Class 4A** – Top-ranked Jackson outscored Demopolis 42-20, but #2 Bibb County lost to Gordo 36-35, #7 Madison Academy dropped to 0-2 with a stunning 33-31 loss to Randolph and Opp began the Ed Rigby era with a 34-7 win over Northview, Florida.... **Class 5A** – Top-ranked Guntersville battled past Fort Payne 23-19 and #2 Montgomery Catholic ripped St. Clair County 51-14, while Ramsay slipped to 0-2 after two straight appearances in the state finals with an embarrassing 62-7 loss to Clay-Chalkville, Greenville mopped up the field with Wilcox Central 74-6, Andalusia slipped to 0-2 with a 13-10 upset loss to Hillcrest Evergreen and Rehobeth kept Carroll winless with a 33-8 win over the Eagles.... **Class 6A** – Top-ranked Saraland buried Blount 59-6 and #2 Parker downed Mt. Brook 30-16, while defending state champ Gulf Shores slipped to 0-2 with a 21-17 loss to Mary Montgomery and Pike Road also slipped to 0-2 with a 24-6 loss to Enterprise.... **Class 7A** – Top-ranked Central Phenix City defeated Lutheran North, Missouri, 30-12, and #2 Enterprise whipped Pike Road 24-6, while Dothan improved to 2-0 with a 49-21 win over Monroe, Georgia, and Montgomery Carver also went to 2-0 with a big 44-12 win over Percy Julian.

\*\*\* *It was a pretty good week* for many area college football fans as Alabama and Auburn both posted lopsided wins over out-matched opponents and Troy failed to convert late and settled for a close loss at home.... Alabama needed only 21 plays to open up a 42-0 halftime lead in its big 63-0 romp over western Kentucky, while the defense limited the Hilltoppers to only just 145 yards in total offense despite the predictions of over-rated and well-travelled quarterback T.J. Finley, who started against the Tide for the third time, with his third different team.... Auburn scored at will against totally outmanned Alabama A & M in its 73-3 blowout win as returning quarterback Payton Thorn passed for 322 yards and four td’s in the first half, while the defense limited the Bulldogs to 38 yards rushing and had 11 tackles for losses.... Troy saw a 14-0 first half lead vanish, but almost rallied from a 28-17 fourth quarter deficit only to fail on a late two-point try in its 28-26 season opening loss at home to a good Nevada team that didn’t travel across the nation to lose to a team from little ole Troy, Alabama. Hey, Nevada was probably the best team that any of the three played over the weekend.

\*\*\* *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* looked a little sleepy when he dropped by the office over the weekend and blamed all the commercials that make most college football games last almost four hours. He did admit last week’s 19-6 record with his prep picks was disappointing and was still shaking his head about Elba’s big loss at home, but said better days are ahead and left this week’s fearless forecast. Here goes week #3....

ELBA VS. MCKENZIE

The Pea River felines lost more than just a little fur last week in their first regular season loss since back in 2021 and will have to take the field with some bare spots showing when they stay at home to host a litter of kitties from just off the four-lane in Butler County. The felines better have short memories and be ready to play, because this litter may be a little hungry when it gets to the field and would love to feast on a region upset.

ELBA 44 MCKENZIE 20

KINSTON VS. RED LEVEL

The bulldogs from down near the county line lost a track meet last weekend on the football field in Hartford and this week hope it will be back to football when they finally get the chance to play at home. It is never easy to win in the region, but the guess here is the ‘dogs take out the disappointment of two early losses on the visiting kitties from Red Level.

KINSTON 34 RED LEVEL 27

ZION CHAPEL VS. GOSHEN

The troops from Fort Jack will be looking to add a new chapter to the history books this week when it jumps into region play while on a bird hunt just outside the gate. The troops may know just when and where the birds are to be released. However, the guess here is they may not have enough bullets to bag enough to call it a win.

GOSHEN 27 ZION CHAPEL 20

NEW BROCKTON VS. OPP

The fighting roosters from just off the four-lane will get to spend a little extra time in the coop this weekend and will have to ready for a litter of short-tailed kitties that are headed their way in a key region encounter. Look for feathers and fur to both be flying just around sunset, but the guess here is the kitties will leave town with a win.

OPP 28 NEW BROCKTON 14

BRANTLEY VS. PLEASANT HOME

The bulldogs from up across the creek will be back home this weekend and expect to have a lot of fun at a bird shoot just behind the school. While it really won’t make any difference how any shots hit their target, the ‘dogs will enjoy the get together and add a win to their side of the ledger.

BRANTLEY 55 PLEASANT HOME 0

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Elba opens region play against McKenzie

The Elba Tigers will stay at home and jump into the region wars on Friday night when they host the McKenzie Tigers, on Mack Wood Field.

Elba leads the short series 4-0 and last season rolled to an impressive 56-28 road win.

“McKenzie is one of the top teams in the region and kind of flies under the radar a little bit due to its location and its record in recent years,” said Elba’s Coach Marc Sieving. “McKenzie got a new coach last season and really improved in all areas, and now that he is in his second year look for it to get even better and challenge for a spot in the playoffs. It has good numbers, a couple of quality players and is much better than anyone

realizes.”

Elba will bring a 1-1 record into the clash with a win over Luverne 50-22 and a loss to Glenwood 49-22, while McKenzie will enter the contest with a 2-0 slate after wins over Wilcox Central 47-12 and Prattville Christian 36-14.

“McKenzie has scored a lot of points in its opening w games and can definitely put points on the scoreboard against

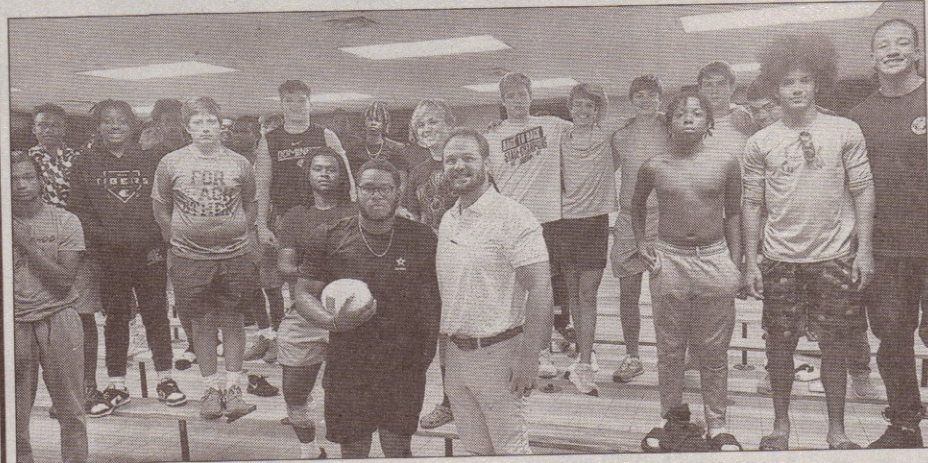
anyone on the schedule, including us,” added Sieving. “They have a pair of wide receivers that are really good, and one that is like six foot five that has committed to Troy that is hard to stop no matter where he lines up. They are very athletic, am sure they are very confident, and after seeing that we got beat by four touchdowns last week will come in here looking to take home a big

win.”

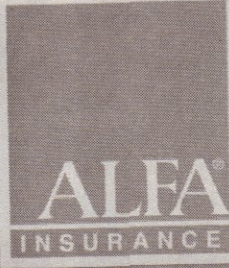
“For us to be successful this week we have to learn from our mistakes of a week ago and get back to playing hard-nosed football on every play,” said Sieving. “On offense we have to do a better job at the line of scrimmage, play with intensity and probably be a little more balanced in our attack. We can’t just depend on two guys to carry the load. It is a team sport and to be successful it takes a team working together as one. Against McKenzie we will need to put some points on the scoreboard and be aggressive on defense. We need to regain that swagger that our teams have had in recent years and chalk up last week’s loss as a learning experience for the players and coaches.”

When asked about last week’s 49-22 loss to Glenwood, Coach Sieving stated, “We lost to a very good football team that played really well on both sides of the ball. After watching the film, it was obvious we made way too many mistakes to win against a team of their caliber. We played well at times, but not enough to win the ballgame, and a lot of young players got thrown into the fire. We will work hard to get better in all areas and have to develop depth all across the field to help out with the early-season injuries we have. Sometimes a player that doesn’t play that well is hidden because the guy next to him picks up the slack. However, this season we have to have all the players in the game doing their job on every play.”

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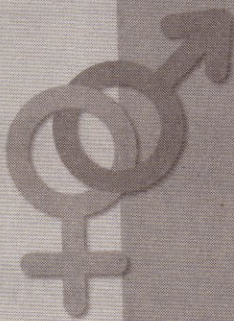


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SPORTS NEWS

Elba Tigers feel Gators chomp 49-22

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The top-ranked Elba Tigers saw their 27-game regular season winning streak come to an abrupt end Friday night with a lopsided 49-22 loss to the Glenwood Gators, at Tiger Stadium.

The usually explosive Elba offense managed only three first downs and was forced to punt on its first four possessions, while Glenwood scored once in the first quarter and twice in the second to open up a 21-0 halftime advantage.

The first Gator touchdown came on a 9-yard pass from Levi Pinder to Christopher Lawrence following an 80-yard drive, and Leland Hughes kicked the extra-point as Glenwood grabbed a 7-0 lead with 2:57 left in the opening quarter.

The Gators lead grew to 13-0 with 5:56 remaining in the second quarter when a 4-yard scoring dash by Jermaine Brown capped a 57-yard march, and then went to 21-0 with 1:14 left in the half when Pinder connected with Mason McCrane on a 28-yard touchdown toss that climaxed a 72-yard march. Cameron Dawson completed a pass on the two-point conversion, and when the two teams went in at intermission Glenwood owned a surprising 21-0 lead.

Elba received the second half kickoff and it took the Tigers less than a minute to finally get on the scoreboard when Alvin Henderson spotted a hole in the Gator defense and raced 55 yards for a touchdown. Henderson also ran in the two-point conversion, and with 11:06 left in the third quarter the Tigers were within 21-8.

The excitement on the Elba side of the field didn't last for long; however, as Glenwood scored on its next two possessions to push its lead to 35-8.

An 8-yard run by Pinder and the extra-point by Hughes capped a 57-yard drive and upped the Gators lead to 28-8 with 9:55 left in the quarter, while the Gators cashed in an Elba fumble on the Tigers ensuing possession and drove 55 yards into the endzone, with the score coming on a 21-yard run by Carter Judah. Hughes again added the extra-point as Glenwood's lead ballooned to 35-8 with 6:20 still remaining in the quarter.

Elba continued to battle and cut the deficit to 35-14 with 5:30 left in the wild third quarter on a 56-yard scamper by Alvin Henderson, but the Tigers failed to take advantage of a Gator turnover late in the stanza and then watched as Glenwood added a score on a 13-yard run by Brown that capped a 50-yard scoring



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) follows Tiger teammate Elijah Myrick (75) around the corner looking for room to run in last week's homefield loss to Glenwood. Henderson rushed for 185 yards and scored 3 touchdowns in the 49-22 loss that left Elba with a 1-1 record.

journey, and Hughes again added the extra-point as the Gators stayed in command and upped their lead to 42-14 with 5:54 left in the fourth quarter.

The Tigers Alvin Henderson scored his third touchdown of the night on a 9-yard dash with 3:45 left on the clock and Cayden Adkins ran in the two-point conversion as the Tigers narrowed the Gators lead to 42-22. However, Glenwood wasn't through yet enjoying its long trip to Elba and scored the game's final points with 2:35 remaining on a 5-yard run by Brown and a Hughes extra-point, as the Gators claimed the dominating 49-22 road win over the Tigers.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 175 yards and 3 touchdowns on 17 carries and caught one pass for 19 yards to lead the Elba offense, while Cayden Adkins rushed for 103 yards on 17 carries and completed 1 of 5 passes for 19 yards.

Jermaine Brown rushed for 189 yards and 3 touchdowns on 17 carries to lead Glenwood on the ground, while Levi Pinder completed 18 of 22 passes for 334 yards and two touchdowns, with Khamron Cooper pulling in six passes for 121 yards and Mason McCrane catching five passes for 97 yards.

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Elba Tiger Jordan Hammonds (59) gets in hand to hand combat with a Glenwood Gator as action heats up in the offensive line.



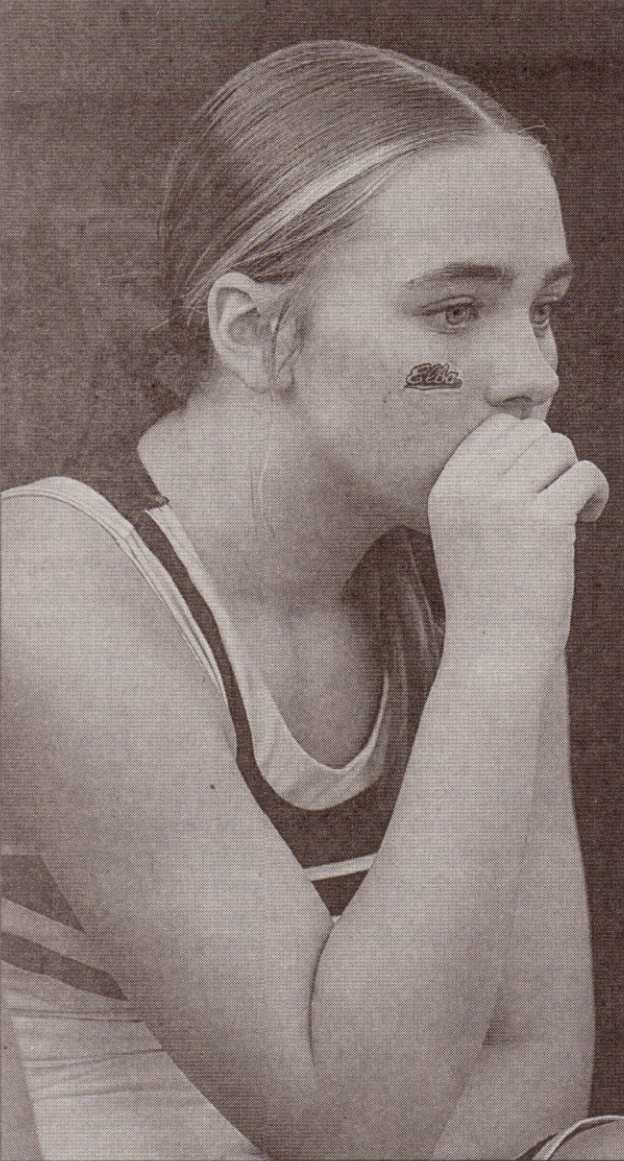
Elba Tiger Jacob Watkins (6) looks for room to roam in last week's 49-22 homefield loss to Glenwood in week two action.



Elba Tiger Cayden Adkins (10) drags catches a Glenwood runner from behind for no gain in last week's 49-22 loss to the Gators.



Elba Tigers head coach Marc Sieving keeps an eye on the action from the sidelines in last week's non-region clash with Glenwood.



Elba Tiger cheerleader Payton Parks shows concern at the half as the Tighers left the field trailing 21-0 to Glenwood.

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SPORTS NEWS

Kinston outscored in 72-62 shootout

Statistics by W.J. Adcock

The Kinston Bulldogs and Geneva County Bulldogs battled Friday night in an offensive shootout at Dixie Howell Field, in Hartford, and when the clock finally reached :00 in the fourth quarter it was the homestanding Bulldogs that had survived to claim the wild 72-62 win.

All three first quarter offensive series resulted in touchdowns as Kinston scored on a 2-yard run by Colby Tew, and Geneva County scored on a 43-yard dash by Brendan Hall and a 2-yard run by Caden Hutchings to put the hometown Bulldogs on top 14-8.

Geneva County upped its lead to 22-8 early in the second quarter on a 73-yard touchdown toss from Hutchings to Dylan Tate, but Kinston came battling back and scored the game's

next two touchdowns on a 3-yard run by Tew and a 16-yard run by Gabe Hataway to pull even at 22-22 with 2:51 remaining in the stanza.

Kinston added another score on an 89-yard touchdown pass from Brant McCollough to Colby Tew to help keep the Kinston fans on their feet. However, Geneva County scored twice in the final two minutes of the half on a 53-yard run by Hall and a 58-yard pass from Hutchings to Hall and at the half Geneva County went in with a 38-30 advantage.

Kinston pulled even at 38-38 early in the third quarter on a 5-yard scoring scamper by Hataway, and after Geneva County regained the lead at 44-38 on a 76-yard kickoff return by Hall, grabbed its first lead of the night at 46-44 on an 8-yard touchdown run by Tew.

Geneva County moved back on top 52-46 late in the quarter when Hutchings broke loose on a 19-yard scoring dash and extended its lead to 58-46 early in the fourth quarter when Hall again reached the endzone, this time from 18 yards out.

Kinston came battling back again and pulled within 58-54 with 7:00 remaining in the game on a 1-yard blast by Tew, only to see Geneva County stretch its lead to 66-54 on a 58-yard Hall scamper.

The Bulldogs from Coffee County weren't about to quit and put together a 90-yard scoring drive that was capped by a 9-yard touchdown run by Tew, and with 2:19 still left on the clock Kinston was within 66-62.

Geneva County answered back on its next play from scrimmage on a 53-yard scoring run by Hall, and this time Kinston could not

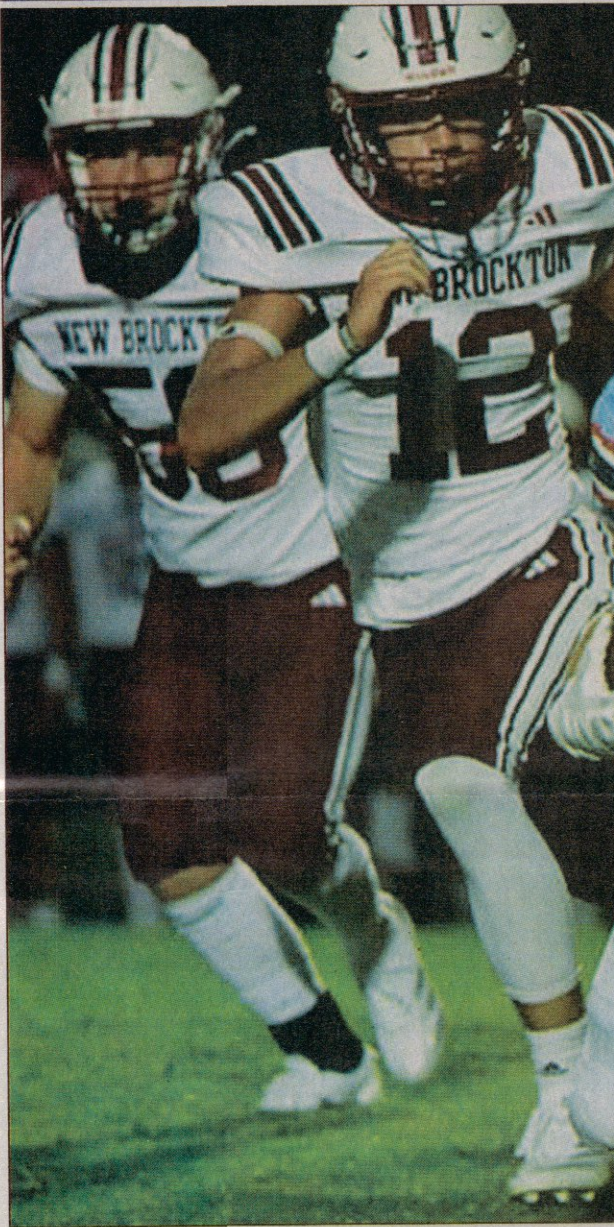
answer the score and at the final horn it was Geneva County that left the field with the wild 72-62 win.

Colby Tew rushed for 195 yards and 5 touchdowns on 31 carries and caught one pass for an 89-yard touchdown to lead Kinston, while Gabe Hataway rushed for 106 yards and 2 td's on 11 carries, Brant McCollough completed 4 of 9 passes for 129 yards and one td, and Whitt Floyd pulled in two passes for 27 yards.

Brendan Hall rushed for 287 yards and 5 touchdowns on 16 carries, caught one pass for 58 yards and a touchdown and returned a kickoff 76 yards for a touchdown to lead Geneva County, while Caden Hutchings rushed for 52 yards and 2 touchdowns on 11 carries and completed 2 of 3 passes for 131 yards and two scores.



Kinston Bulldogs Colby Tew (21) and Marcus Free (56) are ready for the kickoff Friday night in Hartford against Geneva County.



New Brockton Gamecock Bradyn Crumpler (12) closes in for a tackle as a Gamecock teammate comes in to help make the stop.



Zion Chapel Rebels band members perform at halftime at last week's win over Ellwood.

Gamecocks rally falls short in 40-34 loss to Slocomb

Statistics by Brandon White

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a furious fourth quarter rally fall short in the closing minute of play in a hard fought 40-34 road loss to the Slocomb Red Tops.

New Brockton rallied from an early 7-0 deficit on a 13-yard run by Cade Birge and the extra-point by Trenton Balch to pull within 7-6 with 10:54 remaining in the second quarter on a 26-yard scamper by Camrin Wolf, but the Red Tops used a 6-yard touchdown toss from Birge to Hayes Hatton and a 52-yard scoop and score on a Gamecock fumble by Birge to open up a 21-6 halftime advantage.

New Brockton's Dawson Peacock lofted a 60-yard touchdown pass to Baylon Foster on the first play of the second half and Foster ran in the two-point conversion as the Gamecocks pulled within 21-14 only 16-seconds into

the third quarter, and after a fumble recovery by Bryant Crumpler, Foster broke loose again and this time rambed 15 yards into the endzone as the Gamecocks closed the deficit to 21-20 with 4:39 left in the quarter.

Slocomb responded with a five-minute scoring drive that was capped by a 14-yard run by Birge as the Red Tops extended their lead to 27-20, and after a New Brockton punt, the Red Tops set sail down the field on an 84-yard drive that was capped by a 24-yard Birge scamper as Slocomb appeared to be in command with a 34-20 lead with 2:21 remaining in the fourth quarter.

A 28-yard touchdown toss from Peacock to Anthony Silar with 1:26 left cut the Slocomb lead to 34-26, and while the Red Tops took advantage of a short field after an unsuccessful on-sides kick attempt to go up 40-26 on a 53-yard run by Birge, the Gamecocks never backed down and got within 40-34

with 53-seconds left as the football changed hands from Peacock to Silar to Blake Cox on a 40-yard scoring play and a two-point pass from Wolf to Foster, only to see the late rally end as New Brockton dropped the exciting 40-34 non-region contest.

Dawson Peacock completed 14 of 24 passes for 252 yards and 3 touchdowns to spark the New Brockton offense, while Camrin Wolf rushed for 50 yards on 12 carries, Baylon Foster rushed for 17 yards and 1 td on three carries and caught six passes for 140 yards and two td's, Anthony Silar caught five passes for 86 yards and one td, and Josiah Lewis had three catches for

26 yards.

The Gamecock defense was led by Bryant Crumpler with 14 tackles, 2 sacks, 5 tackles for losses and one fumble recovery, while Kaiden Sims added 7 tackles, 1 sack and 1 tackle for a loss; Bradyn Crumpler added 5 tackles, 1 tackle for a loss and one forced fumble; and, Micah Whitt-Murphy, Gavin Hand and Peyton Collins all had 3 tackles.

Cade Birge led Slocomb as he rushed for 285 yards and 5 touchdowns on 19 carries and completed 5 of 15 passes for 92 yards and one touchdown, while Hayes Hatton rushed for 106 yards on 25 carries and caught three passes for 20 yards and one td.



Brantley Bulldog cheerleaders enjoy a cool drink on a hot night on the sidelines in Luverne.

Brantley tames Tigers 40-24

From combined reports

The Brantley Bulldogs kicked off the high school football season with a bang Friday night as they rallied from an early deficit to defeat the Luverne Tigers 40-24, at Luverne.

Jayden Parks completed 9 of 18 passes for 190 yards and 3 touchdowns and rushed for 130 yards and 2 scores to lead the Bulldog offense, while Cooper Layton pulled in three passes for 90 yards and one td, and Andre Wright had one catch for 12 yards and a touchdown.

Cooper Layton also had a big night on defense as

he recorded 5 tackles and returned a pass interception 40 yards for a touchdown, while John Harper Kilcrease had nine tackles, including two tackles for a loss, and Nathan Pruitt had four and one-half tackles, two tackles for losses and one forced fumble.

Brantley scored first in the game on a 12-yard pass from Parks to Wright to grab a 7-0 lead, but had rally twice in the opening quarter after falling behind 8-7 and 16-13, with Parks leading the way both times as the Bulldogs took the lead and then pulled away for the road win.

Rebels rout Ellwood 36-0

From combined reports Photos by Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels made the long trip to Selma on Friday night to battle the Ellwood Christian Eagles and posted an impressive 36-0 win to improve their record to 2-0.

The 2-0 start marks the first time since 2011 the Rebels have opened a season with two straight wins, and the 36-point explosion coupled with the defensive shutout was the biggest margin of victory in years.

No statistics are available.

AREA PREVIEW

The high school football season will enter its third week of action and will ether region pay all across the state.

Following is a preview of this week's area games:

Red Level at Kinston

The Kinston Bulldogs will finally get to play in front of its home fans on Friday night when they host the Red Level Tigers. Red Level leads the series 14-11 and won a year ago 31-29 in a region shootout.

Kinston will enter the game with an 0-2 record after losses to Zion Chapel 27-20 and Geneva County 72-62, while Red Level will bring a 1-0 record into the game after a 45-8 win over J.F. Shields.

Pleasant Home at Brantley

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to kick off the region schedule with a bang Friday night at David Lowery Stadium when they host the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Bulldogs lead the series 23-1 and have won 22 straight games.

Brantley will enter the game with a 1-0 record after a 40-24 season opening win over Luverne, while Pleasant Home will bring a 1-1 record into the

clash with a loss to Geneva County 54-12 and a 14-6 win over Fruitdale.

Opp at New Brockton

The New Brockton Gamecocks will host their home opener Friday night when they tangle with the Opp Bobcats. Opp leads the brief series 3-1, but New Brockton win a year ago 19-14 in an historic upset, in Opp.

New Brockton will carry an 0-2 record in to the contest with losses to Pike Liberal Arts 35-6 and Slocomb 40-34, while Opp will enter the game with a 1-0 slate after a season opening 34-7 win over Northview, Florida.

Goshen at Zion Chapel

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be back home Friday night when they host the Goshen Eagles. Goshen leads the all-time series 26-6 and won last season 35-7.

Zion Chapel will bring a 2-0 record into the clash after posting wins over Kinston 27-20 and Ellwood Christian 36-0, while Goshen will enter the game with a 1-0 record after opening the season with a 40-7 win over Alabama Christian.

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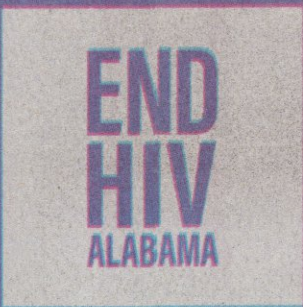
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